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Kansas City is preparing for some balloon races. Its base ball team might enter.

If Turkey should disintegrate Russia would want to swallow even its feathers.

In building Tillman's battleship, the Terror, it turrets should be topped with pitchforks.

Our choice for vice president on the Bull Moose ticket: Colonel John O. Yelzer of Nebraska.

Where is one secure from drowning these days when a New York man drowns on the roof of a twelve-story building?

Too many cooks spoil the broth, and too many water rights claimants threaten to spoil the Columbus water power project.

"Pure Milk Saves 15,000 Babies," says a headline in a New York paper. Then how can anybody fail to work for pure milk?

Mr. Bryan has been withdrawn from the chautauqua program in Champ Clark's home district. The houn' dawg is still growling.

And among the other rich harvests this year Nebraska is promised a Western league base ball pennant in Omaha, if only promises come true.

Mayor Gaynor has a good chance to make a great record in directing the investigation of the murder involving the good name of New York's police.

It seems that being thrown over the senatorial transom was nothing to Mr. Lorimer compared with sailing out over the dashboard of his automobile.

And now Tom Lawson is suggested for vice president on the bull moose ticket. Tom has had so much to do with bulls and bears he ought to make a good ringmaster at menagerie.

No signs yet of Governor Aldrich calling an extra session of the legislature. Having had one experience with the bunch, the governor will naturally prefer to leave well enough alone.

The trusts, we are told, contributed not a cent to Bryan's 1908 campaign. Evidently none of the \$15,000 Brother-in-Law Tommy Allen brought out from Wall street in 1904 was left over.

The call for the populist state convention accords to Douglas county, which polls one-ninth of the total vote of Nebraska, a representation of just four delegates. The real question, strangely enough, is not disproportionate representation, but where to find the four populists.

Our water commissioner has discreetly backed up on the order requiring meters to be exposed to freezing by being set at the curb instead of inside the house. Now for a backup on the order prohibiting lawn sprinkling after 8 o'clock in the morning, which in practice is the same as complete prohibition upon the householder to use water for this purpose after paying for it.

Four years ago Mr. Bryan announced with great ado that no campaign contribution exceeding \$10,000 would be received from any one person. It turns out that the treasurer of his committee admits having evaded this limitation by putting in \$10,000 for himself, and two \$9,000 chunks under the names of his sons. It would seem that campaign publicity as advocated by our democratic friends is intended only for the other fellow.

Governor Deneen's Position.

In announcing his purpose as the republican nominee for governor in Illinois to support President Taft for re-election as the regular republican nominee for president, Governor Deneen takes the only position that can be logically defended. In so doing, he recognizes the fact, which Senator Dixon as the Roosevelt campaign manager concedes, that "Colonel Roosevelt has resigned from the republican party," and as a candidate of a third party will have no more in common with the republican party than with the democratic, or populist, or socialist, or prohibition parties.

The political situation in Illinois, however, is not different in essence from that prevailing in other states, including our own state of Nebraska, where nominations were made by the respective parties in advance of the national conventions, and before the new third party was anything more than a threat. Governor Deneen makes it clearly understood that he has not resigned from the republican party, and retention of membership in the party imposes an obligation of loyalty to the standard bearers heading the ticket, an obligation which would be violated just as much by taking up with the third term candidate as it would be following after the democratic, or the socialist nominee.

Again the Scalp Revival.

The agitation of a revival at the next session of the Nebraska legislature of the bounty system for the protection of game recalls some experiences this and other western states have had along that line. Scalp bounties have, of course, served some very good purposes, but is open so easily to great abuses, wherein lies much that is objectionable. The mention of coyotes in this connection brings to mind the industry of coyote breeding which went on in a state to the west of us for years under the beneficent stimulus of a coyote bounty. Of course such a thing would scarcely be attempted in Nebraska in this day and the aspirants for legislative honors who contemplate a campaign based upon the bounty slogan may have in mind only the best interests of the public, but if they should succeed in shaping measures of this character they probably would find it no easy task to push their bills through the channels of the legislature.

From this distance, while there is no desire to prejudice their prospects, a good rich vein of humor may, by close discernment, be detected in these nicely laid plans.

High Cost of Fraud.

In spite of the government's increased vigilance in running down fraud perpetrated through the mails, \$50,000,000 more was thus filched from the people in 1911 than in 1910, the total harvest for last year amounting to \$130,000,000. That is equal to nearly \$1.50 per capita, an exceedingly heavy toll for this species of graft to make upon the American people. Those who do not, or think they do not, contribute to these frauds may not consciously feel the effect of this stupendous toll, but it is felt, nevertheless, and keenly.

Human credulity causes the government a great deal of anxiety and exertion. The Postoffice department, first securing the enactment of more effective laws, has redoubled its efforts to prevent this form of crime, but without general co-operation it finds its work extremely difficult. Yet it cannot all be laid to that, for this abuse is due as much to greed of gullibles as the inadequacy of law. Fakers and grafters simply take full advantage of the lack of effective measures for reaching them. Now that the government has gone at it systematically on the basis of its experience, the work of prevention may be expected to achieve results.

Growth of Population.

So much has been said about our urban population growing faster than our rural in the last decade that the fact is quite well understood by now and yet our urban population in the smaller centers did not make discouragingly heavy increases, so to speak, as compared with the rural. The largest growth was in communities of 500,000 to 1,000,000 inhabitants. Their percentage of increase was 83 per cent. The communities of 1,000,000 and more gained only 32.2 per cent, and yet that is far beyond the rural growth or the growth of the entire population of the country, whose increase was only 21 per cent.

The logic of this drift toward the congested centers must make us the more mindful of the complex social problems that there arise to stare us sternly in the face. They must be met. They cannot be evaded. Failing, as we thus far have, to divert the streams of internal and external migration into the larger open spaces of the country, we shall have to treat them where they are. Some students of the situation predict that by 1920 half our population will be concentrated in cities. If so, then all the more urgent is the need for adapting ourselves to the intricacies of this great problem now.

Now that Japan and Russia have signed that alliance, what are they going to do about it?

SIDELIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

Victor Rosewater in the New York Independent.

(Mr. Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, presided over the sessions of the republican national committee and of the convention itself until Senator Root was elected temporary chairman. Despite his modest disclaimer no one can speak with more authority than he in regard to the question of contested delegates, upon which Mr. Roosevelt primarily justifies his bolt—Editor Independent.)

The invitation to contribute to The Independent an article on the question of the contested delegates at Chicago opens up a field broader than I can possibly cover. Being neither a lawyer nor a contest expert, and having no longer immediate access to the records, I could not assume to explain the contests in detail, but having presided over the sessions at which they were submitted, perhaps I can throw a few sidelights helpful to a better understanding of the case on the part of the public.

In the first place, it should be remembered that the tentative adjudication of contests by the national committee in making up the temporary roll is no new thing. Four years ago I sat through the contest hearings which determined titles to 216 delegates' seats, and this year the same duty devolved upon the committee with reference to disputes over 382 seats. I mention the number of contests particularly to show how impossible it would be for any one acting in the capacity of juror, or judge, to remember the circumstances and issues of all of them as presented in quick succession. Four years ago the fact soon developed that of the 216 contests presented to the national committee, the vast majority of them—I should say nine-tenths of them—were absolutely fictitious and trumped up by inspiration of trouble breeders. That the same was true to almost as great an extent this year, when the number of contests totaled 382, likewise quickly became apparent. As each case was either withdrawn or fell of its own weight under the unanimous vote of the committee, the Roosevelt men and the Taft supporters joining in condemnation, it was inevitable that suspicion should attach to all of the cases championed by the same contest attorneys who had practically confessed to the perpetration of these fakes. It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that most of the contests in the southern states followed the appearance of a mysterious stranger who had, by some occult power or covert influence, set in motion successful place hunters and other disorganizing elements for some reason disaffiliated with the regular organizations and their conventions had done.

A word as to the committee's procedure: The necessity for a code of rules governing contest hearings is self-evident. It was recognized by the national committee four years ago by the appointment of a subcommittee of three members to draft such a code, and the report of this committee was at that time unanimously adopted. It provided for executive sessions, thirty minutes to a side, for state contests and fifteen minutes to a side for district contests, subject to extension of time on motion or restriction on agreement for consolidation, withdrawal of contestants and their attorneys after presentation of the case, and immediate decision by the committee without debate by viva voce unless demand for a roll call were sustained by twenty members. The committee which formulated these rules consisted of George H. Carey of Oregon, F. B. Kellogg of Minnesota and Frank Streeter of New Hampshire. Mr. Kellogg being the only one of the three remaining on the national committee. When the question of rules arose this time, the draft was no longer satisfactory to him and those associated with him as the Roosevelt floor managers, and they asked for various changes. Their demand for publicity was met by a modification of the requirement for executive sessions, the doors being opened to the extent of permitting two representatives of each of the five great press associations to be present throughout the proceedings, an arrangement for taking down stenographically every word uttered, and making the transcript available daily to any of the press correspondents who might wish to examine it. The demand for reducing the number required to order a roll call was not met, the committee adhering to the view that a lesser number than two-fifths would merely stimulate dilatory motions and encourage filibustering, when at best it would be difficult to complete the work ahead in the limited time without night sessions. I believe it was wise to accord full publicity to the contest hearings, although the effort was to turn attention and remarks from the evidence and arguments to the reporters at the

Looking backward at the whole proceeding, and comparing the hearings of this year with those of four years ago, I am convinced that as a rule the contests instituted by the Roosevelt people were not set up with any idea of expectation of having their delegates seated, but for the purpose, first, of making a showing in the published claims of pledged delegates, and second, of laying a foundation for the cry of fraud in the event they failed to control the convention. Fortunately, no one is called on to inquire what might have happened had the Roosevelt campaign managers been in control of the national committee, and counted a majority of its members as subservient as those which they voted by proxy.

people are allowed to rest there and if so how long before the police take them in.

Don't you think the police are a little too quick in arresting men for vagrancy? I have been in Portland, Ore., Salt Lake City, Denver and Chicago and have rested in all the little squares they have scattered around and have never been molested by the police.

Of course I realize that the police must keep an eye on the square, but when it comes to arresting a man who has merely sat down to rest in his rambles around the city, I think it is going too far and the police should be instructed in regard to this matter.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

OMAHA, July 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Swedish church across the way from Tizard block is greatly worried over the prospect of a moving picture show locating in the latter's block.

Shows of all kinds follow the onward tread of the city's development. Churches as well as private parties must give way to the general onward push.

The Swedish church ought to move out further if it don't like the trend of affairs, as at present in its neighborhood. Business always will come where it is wanted. It should not try to discourage it. It can sell its property to better advantage presently and be well able to build elsewhere.

L. A. ELLIS.

Amenties of the Campaign. Chicago Post. Just to offset Colonel Roosevelt's somewhat lengthy stand at Armandsgod, Governor Marshall has injected "Sagiri Salamis" into the campaign. Governor Wilson knows what he meant, but doesn't care about being marooned there.

As Viewed in Kentucky. Louisville Courier-Journal. "What is the exact significance of 'By George'?" asks a contributor to a New York paper, who's afraid the expression to profane. Confidentially, it is non-prophane and insignificant.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

This was a quiet Sunday, a majority of our citizens going to the park. Miss Hardenburg will open her summer school of elocution, physical exercises and writing in one of the St. Barnabas school rooms.

The river is still falling, and is now only 10 feet 8 inches above low water mark.

Temporary quarters for the Board of Public Works have been secured in the Creighton block.

The Methodist Episcopal church, corner Eighteenth and Webster, will lay the corner stone August 1. Mayor Boyd and ex-Mayor Chase having been asked to deliver addresses.

Mrs. W. Head of Milton Rogers & Son, with Mrs. Read and children, has returned from Iowa where they have been vacationing.

Mr. A. Cruickshank has returned from his vacation in Massachusetts.

Mr. A. Cruickshank has gone to Lake Minnetonka for summer rest.

Hon. H. T. Clarke and daughter of Bellevue are in the city.

Mrs. A. P. French, corner Saunders and Charles streets, invites pupils as a teacher in vocal and instrumental music.

Two bad runaways are reported, the victim of one being Mrs. J. Vickenburg, whose husband is head jeweler for the firm of Edholm & Erickson, and the other P. P. Shelby, the railroad man.

Twenty Years Ago—

J. F. Hunter, formerly connected with the Farnam street theater and later for the last year with the Royal, resigned his position there and was succeeded by Eugene Loomis, an Omaha boy.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cable and Master Archie Cable left for Chicago to make a visit.

W. H. Bradrick, chief clerk and cashier of the South Omaha Stock Yards company, and sister, Miss Belle Bradrick, returned from a vacation at Hot Springs, S. D.

Will A. Saunders was elected president of the Fifth Ward Republican club. H. E. Roberts was elected secretary and John J. Jenkins treasurer.

Miss C. C. Tennant Clary returned from New York, where she went to perfect plans for the operatic festival she proposed giving Omaha. She reported very satisfactory arrangements. While east she saw Mr. Max Maretzek, the conductor, and Mr. Henry Wolfson, who said everything would be ready for the Omaha festival.

Adam Kerner killed a canvasback duck on the Platte near Louisville which was considered a rarity in these parts.

Ten Years Ago—

The Omaha delegates to the convention of the Association of Railway Mail Clerks of the Sixth division went to Chicago. They were John T. Johnson, secretary of the division organization; B. F. Farrell, secretary of the Omaha branch; G. G. Whittemore, D. C. Hudson, George F. Gannon, S. G. Culver.

Charles S. Francis, editor of the Troy (N. Y.) Times and United States minister to Greece, Roumania and Serbia, was in Omaha looking after property interests.

Major John M. Burke of Buffalo Bill's show was in Omaha renewing old acquaintances.

Rumor had it that Carroll G. Pearce, superintendent of the Omaha public schools, was about to be picked up for the same position in Cleveland.

The Omaha Real Estate exchange adopted a resolution introduced by W. G. Shriver, calling upon Governor Savage upon the eve of action to appoint only "good, clean business men of known ability and integrity" to the Board of Licensure and Police Commissioners of Omaha.

Mrs. Herman Kountze and her daughter, Miss Cotton, left for Charlevoix, to be gone the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olmsted left for Denver and Manitou to make a brief visit.

People Talked About

George E. McFarland, vice president and general manager of the Bell telephone company, is a modest and unassuming man who looks ten years younger than he is. He says he has been so busy all his life he hasn't had time for diversions. His associates say he talks and dreams of but one thing—the telephone and its glories. He came from Iowa about three years ago, where he had been with the Bell company since boyhood.

Miss Lillian Gronna, daughter of the senator from North Dakota, has been called the guardian angel of the blind because she has interested herself in so many afflicted with the loss of sight, and has helped them in so many ways.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Philadelphia Ledger: The express companies have not received with enthusiasm the suggestions of the Interstate Commerce commission. At any rate, there is no charge for expressing one's views.

Philadelphia Press: Some of the figure men are already throwing the presidential election into the house of representatives. But why such a hurry? The people have the first chance at it, and they have generally known how to settle elections.

New York Mail: British sporting writers say that the American "rah-rah-ing" has got to stop, or else the Olympic games must be discontinued. It seems that the shouting helps the Yankees to win the events. Which is certainly deplorable.

Chicago Post: A convention in session here has as one of its objects the "uplifting" of the barber shop. According to some church members they have "uplifted" them so far now that it is almost impossible to get hold of a copy of the Police Gazette.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Knicker—So Jones has a great invention? Bocker—Yes, an umbrella handle that retains the fingerprints.—New York Sun.

Scroggs—Didn't his teacher always say he was a budding genius? Bigger—Yes, and now he's nothing but a blooming artist.—Satire.

"Why didn't you get a younger turkey?" demanded her husband. "I told the dealer I was rather green," faltered the young wife, "so he advised me to take an old, experienced bird."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

She—I shall never marry a man who can't play polo. He—Very well, I'll learn to ride. But suppose I break my neck? She—Oh, there always are survivors.—Judge.

His honor (sipping at intoxicated prisoner)—What is he charged with, officer? Officer (newly appointed)—Oh, don't know, yer honor, but I think it's straight whiskey.—Judge.

Silence—A woman never knows what she wants. Cynic—Oh, yes, she does; but not till she realizes that she can't get it.—Philadelphia Record.

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring a man in a suit and a glass of Coca-Cola. Text includes: 'He's Manager of the Browns', 'George Stovall, recent recruit to the company of major league managers, is a Coca-Cola enthusiast—he Drinks Coca-Cola', 'and doesn't hesitate to write us what he thinks of it—Read What He Says', 'ST. LOUIS, June 4, 1912.', 'GENTLEMEN: You are at liberty to use my name in connection with your advertising of Coca-Cola, as one who has found this drink enjoyable and beneficial.', 'Yours truly, GEO. T. STOVALL.', 'Are you fan, athlete, player? You'll say the same once you try this wholesome and delicious beverage.', 'Demand the Genuine—Refuse Substitutes THE COCA-COLA CO. ATLANTA, GA.', 'Whenever you see an Arrow think of Coca-Cola.'

Advertisement for Ford cars featuring a Ford logo and text: 'Don't stand and watch the world go by. Join the procession. Anyone can "Ford it" today who yesterday could afford a horse and equipment. A third of the motoring world travels in Ford cars—because they are light, right and economical.', 'More than 75,000 new Fords into service this season—proof that they must be right. Three passenger Roadster \$590—five passenger touring car \$690—delivery car \$700.—F. O. B. Detroit, with all equipment. Catalogue from Ford Motor Company, 1916 Harney St., Omaha, or direct from Detroit factory. Phone Douglas 4500.'

Advertisement for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad featuring a train and text: 'BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD', 'NEW DAY TRAIN "CHICAGO & NEW YORK EXPRESS" TO PITTSBURGH, WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA and NEW YORK NEW DAY TRAIN', 'Solid Vestibuled Electric Lighted Equipment, Modern Coaches, Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars and Dining Cars.', 'Lv. Chicago 9:15 A. M. Ar. Baltimore 9:45 A. M. Ar. Pittsburgh 10:35 P. M. Ar. Philadelphia 12:02 P. M. Ar. Washington 8:30 A. M. Ar. New York 2:15 P. M.', 'No. 8—"WASHINGTON SPECIAL" with Drawing Room Sleeping Cars to Washington and New York, will leave Chicago at 11:00 A. M., running via Newark and Wheeling, arrive Washington 12:45 P. M., New York 6:30 P. M.', 'No. 6—"NEW YORK LIMITED" with Drawing Room Sleeping Cars, Dining Cars and Observation Cars, leaves Chicago 5:45 P. M., arrive Pittsburgh 6:40 A. M., Washington 4:45 P. M., New York 10:40 P. M.', 'No. 14—"NIGHT EXPRESS" runs through solid to New York with Modern Coaches and Drawing Room Sleeping Cars, Drawing Room Sleeping Cars to Pittsburgh and Wheeling, Pullman Dining Cars and Pullman Dining Cars. Leave Chicago 9:30 P. M., arrive Pittsburgh 11:50 A. M., Wheeling 11:50 A. M., Washington 10:30 P. M., New York 6:35 A. M.', 'For Particulars Consult Nearest Ticket Agent or Address EDWARD EMERY, T. P. A., Omaha, Neb.'

The Bee's Letter Box

Evolving a Revelation.

DEADWOOD, S. D., July 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Dispatches from Oyster Bay indicate that Teddy has withdrawn in the clouds of Sagamore Hill and is preparing a code of morals for his new party. As near as can be learned it is believed he will endorse the entire ten commandments, but will unalterably condemn the eleventh, which was prepared by Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora, N. Y., to caution just such egots.

An Anti-Boss Ticket.

OMAHA, July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: As I never heard a name mentioned for second place for the new bull moose party, I want to suggest for running mate for Mr. Roosevelt our own W. J. Bryan. These two veterans of the late Spanish-American war would make a great fighting team worth watching.

A Resting Place for the Weary.

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